



Global Food Partners and Tokai University Partner to Support Japanese Egg Industry Transition to Cage-free

Partnership brings robust training opportunities to producers and other industry stakeholders

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(Tokyo, Japan) It's already 2023, which means many food and hospitality businesses have only a few more years to meet their cage-free egg commitment deadlines, including in Japan. Leading corporations, including Unilever, Nestle and Marriott, are committed to sourcing only cage-free eggs by 2025 in Asia, and many have already begun to make the switch.

To prepare for this growing demand, producers have begun to produce cage-free eggs. Adopting cage-free production methods involves a significant learning process, and by starting now, producers can optimise their production over time, leading up to 2025.

Global Food Partners (GFP) - a Singapore-based consulting company - and Tokai University - home to one of the leading livestock research facilities in Japan- have entered into a partnership to offer robust training and learning resources in cage-free production and management. GFP and Tokai University have launched the [Japanese version](#) of the online course "Cage-free Egg Production: the Basics" through Global Food Partners Academy, including a free introductory course and an advanced course. Developed by the Global Food Partners' Science and Extension team and Netherlands-based Aeres University of Applied Sciences (AERES), the courses cover the basics of cage-free egg production and how to improve flock health and management, and are aimed at egg producers, veterinarians, students, and other industry stakeholders in Japan.

Dr. Kate Hartcher, Animal Scientist at Global Food Partners, commented: "Recent research has shown a need for more training and technical support in cage-free production for egg producers in Japan. We're honoured to be able to work together with Tokai University to offer this course to Japan's egg industry. Our courses have been instrumental for existing cage-free producers, those planning or beginning to transition, and other industry stakeholders like veterinarians, academics and auditors."

Professor Shuichi Ito, Ph.D, Professor at the Department of Animal Science/School of Agriculture, Tokai University, stated: "The demand for cage-free eggs is growing in Japan and students and egg producers are seeking training and resources. We're thrilled to partner with Global Food Partners - together we bring decades of global and local expertise in cage-free production to ensure a sustainable and profitable cage-free transition for egg farmers in Japan who want to make the switch."

Professor Toshiaki Inenaga, Ph.D. (veterinary science), at the Department of Animal Science/School of Agriculture, Tokai University, stated "As a researcher of animal science, I am pleased to announce our collaboration with Global Food Partners to offer an online course on cage-free production. This course is a valuable resource for producers who are interested in improving the welfare of their birds and transitioning to more sustainable and ethical production systems."

Learner testimonials can be found below:

"The online course has provided useful materials for beginners in the egg production business. It highlights specific ways to address the challenges to attain animal welfare and sustainability. The combination of audiovisual presentations and tests for every module has provided higher retention in learning. It is easy to understand, and can be promoted to those interested to start their own layer farm and to existing layer farmers as well."

Judit Alday-Mangmang, Business Development Manager, Batangas Egg Producers Multipurpose Cooperative (Philippines)

"The online course is interesting and well organised. It covers topics including the concept of cage-free production, flock health, and management practices. It gives an overview of how to manage and care for birds to ensure good welfare. The evaluation questions are helpful in keeping me focused. I would recommend the online course to my peers and students that are interested in learning about the cage-free system. Well done!"

Associate Professor Doctor Henny Akit, Head of Department of Animal Science, University Putra Malaysia (Malaysia)

You can register for the course at academy.globalfoodpartners.com.

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About Global Food Partners

Global Food Partners is a Singapore-based consulting company whose mission is to work with food businesses and egg producers to successfully transition to higher welfare cage-free sourcing and production in Asia.

[Register](#) for GFP's e-learning course in Japanese "Cage-free Egg Production: the Basics"

About Tokai University

Tokai University is a university with 23 faculties and 62 departments and majors on campuses throughout Japan. Tokai University provides flexible and distinctive learning by practicing education that fosters deep expertise and multifaceted perspectives. The Faculty of Agriculture, which plays a central role in this agreement, has a campus in Kumamoto Prefecture and focuses on the importance of food, the dignity of life, and the future of humanity. With three departments (Department of Agriculture, Department of Animal Science, and Department of Food and Life Science), the Faculty conducts pioneering research to build a future living with diverse lives and nurture the human resources that will lead the future. In addition, research and education at the new campus (Aso Kumamoto Rinku Campus) will begin in 2023!